

## ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

A base structure for modular above ground swimming pools includes base members and bottom track members. Each bottom track member is connected between a pair of spaced apart base members to form a base perimeter of the pool. The bottom track members each have a groove located in a plane which is substantially elevated from a supporting surface upon which the base members and said rail members are supported. The grooves are adapted to receive and support a lower end portion of a side panel of the swimming pool at a location substantially elevated from the supporting surface so that the pool has a depth greater than the height of said side panels and so that the lower end of the side panels are protected from corrosion and damage.